

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph **[0002]** with the following amended paragraph:

**[0002]** In the state of the art, a number of devices for measuring the mass of a bale comprised of pressed agricultural crop material are known. E.g., it has been proposed (DE 44 36 128A, DE 198 163A, US 4,4,742,880 A, US 5,384,436 ~~US 9,384,436~~ and US 5,742,010 A) to convey a fabricated bale out from the press chamber and onto a support surface, where the weight force of the bale is measured while the bale is at rest or is moving, the measurement being a measurement of the force exerted on the support surface. Because a bale has a relatively high mass, bringing it to a complete stop requires substantial effort. However, if one attempts to measure the weight force while the bale is moving, the process is subject to substantial measurement error.